

Brian Announces Release of Stimulus Funds for Weatherization Projects (July 13, 2009)

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"Weatherizing a home is a great way to save both energy and money," said Congressman Baird. "Over the past few weeks, I have seen firsthand how these projects are putting people back to work, and helping homeowners transform their homes at the same time. This money will allow local organizations to expand their programs, help even more families, and create jobs in the process."

Statewide, Washington will use its Recovery Act funds to weatherize 5,000 homes across the state. The Washington Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) will administer the program and allocate funds to community-based non-profit agencies and local government organizations to provide weatherization services to every county and tribal nation in the state. CTED will also utilize Recovery Act funds to implement training and technical assistance programs for these local non-profit and government agencies.

The funding coming to Southwest Washington breaks down as follows:

Agency

Counties Served

Funding

Clark County Department of Community Service

Clark

\$974,646

Community Action Council

Lewis, Thurston, Mason

\$1,274,049

Washington Gorge Action Programs

Skamania, Klickitat

\$187,008

Lower Columbia Community Action Council

Cowlitz and Wahkiakum

\$434,197

Total

\$2,869,900

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